

On rereading your last letter
I find something more. The Recon-
structed would hardly hurt a
Yankee without money in his pocket
etc and as Botanists are not usually
accused of an excess of the things I
mention you and I would be safer
on that score. The rascals are bitter
as ever. I see you want to cruise
along our River banks. April is
a bad time for that as I said
on the other page. But perhaps the
season may fit. Office work takes
up my whole time just now but
later I hope to be more at liberty

If you send the seeds from Australia
I will see what can be done with
them but how about a Palm that
grows two feet in forty years!

Engelman has turned up on
Conif. & Junco Glad to hear from
him - Remember me kindly
to Mrs Gray wrap her warm and
both of you come away from that
perpetual Sabbath and headless soli-
tude & spend a good time with us
A. N. S. P.

Chapman

Apalachicola, Feb. 9. 66

My dear Doct.

I have written you
some half dozen letters in hope
of finding some chance to send to
you and they are still on hand
This I hope will go in post "Linder"
which sails tomorrow.

In the last received from you you
express an intention of making
a trip to this place in company with
Mrs G. Nothing could please me
better. My house, my room, my den
my bread & butter in short everything
I can command to make your visit
comfortable & pleasant shall be at your
service. Now when shall it be? April
& November are our most pleasant

months per Mrs Gray and as
good for you if you wish to see
my pets in situ. But Oct & Nov. are
the best because the wood and swamps
are dry, and the river low, so that
the cliffs along the banks, where ferns
(mosses abound) are exposed.

But come anyhow and when you
please only let me know & be prepared
If you come by sea take the New York
Steamer - if by Rail take the route
via Washington Lynchburg, Va, Knoxville
Penn, Atlanta & Columbus Ga. You can
or could when I was there) check your
baggage to Atlanta, from thence take
your ticket to Columbus via Chickasaw
From Columbus to Appalach take the
River Steamer. Cost from N.Y. to Atlanta
about 40 (I think) from At to Col say 8
from Col to this place say 20

I came by way of Albany, Buffalo,
Louisville, Nashville &c and it cost
me twice as much and a heap
of annoyance which was unavoidable
So come on and I'll have a cup
of tea ready - Alas! where are my
Lady friends to welcome Mrs G. - all
scattered to the four winds - scarcely one
remaining. But will do our best as
far as possible.

I collected at Enfield a good
plump seed of *Bignonia cupreola*
which I put into a package for Thurston
to go by this same chance requesting
him to send them safely.

Sent by mail and although we have
no reconstructed mail still the letters
get here sometime usually in about
20 days. A pamphlet from you came
yesterday